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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Tsukasa ONO, et al.

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Examiner: David H. BOLLINGER

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For: SHEET FEEDER AND SHEET FEEDING METHOD

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 5, 2004, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Formal Matters

As an initial matter, Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging the claim for foreign priority and confirming receipt of the priority document. In addition, Applicants further thank the Examiner for considering the references submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 4, 2003, as was indicated by the Examiner's initials next to the reference number listed on the PTO/SB/08 form.

Claims 1-3 are all of the pending claims. Claim 1 is the only independent claim.